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SUBJ: UNEP: GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 15, FIRST SESSION
OF COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ITEM 7.

SUMMARY: COMMITTEE HELD ONE- HOUR FIRST SESSION AT CON-
CLUSION PM PLENARY TO HEAR EXDIR STRONG INTRODUCTORY
STATEMENT ON ITEM 7 A, GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR ADMINIS-
TRATION FUND. NO ACTION REQUIRED. END SUMMARY.

1. AT OPENING AM PLENARY, PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT AS
RESULT HIS INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS THERE APPEARED BE
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GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT PLENARY SHOULD ADJOURN PM SESSION ONE HOUR EARLY TO PERMIT FIRST MEETING OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON ITEM 7 TO TAKE PLACE. SAID SHORT MEETING WOULD PERMIT INTRODUCTION ITEM BY EXDIR STRONG WITH COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE ITS WORK MONDAY MORNING. PRESIDENT ALSO SAID APPEARED BE AGREEMENT COMMITTEE SHOULD BE CHAIRED BY VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, MR. SANCHEZ OF CHILI. PRESIDENT ASKED AND RECEIVED COUNCIL APPROVAL FOREGOING WIHOUT DEBATE.

2. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS FAILED DEVELOP CONSENSUS ON RAPPORTEUR, AND AT OUTSET COMMITTEE MEETING, CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT ELECTION THIS OFFICER WOULD TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY. WEO HOLDING OUT FOR SELECTION JAPANESE CANDIDATE (KONISHI OF JAPANESE UN MISSION) WITH PREVIOUS RAPPORTEUR EXPERIENCE AND GOOD COMMAND OF ENGLISH.

3. IN INTRODUCTION ITEM 7 A, EXDIR STRONG MADE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL POINTS:

A. APPROACH REFLECTED IN DOCUMENTATION THIS ITEM ASSUMES THAT COUNCIL, IN EXERCISE ITS REPONSIBILITIES UNDER GA RES 2997 (XXVII) WILL WISH SECRETARIAT PERIODICALLY TO PRESENT TOTAL REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL ACTION IN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD WIHT EMPHASIS ON ACTIVITIES OF UN FAMILY. THIS ESSENTIAL TO UNEP' S OVER ALL COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITY. FORMAT FOR PRESENTING SUCH REVIEW STILL UNDER DEVELOPMENT.

B. COUNCIL' S REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM AS WHOLE WILL REVEAL GAPS WHICH NEED FILLING, SUB- PROGRAMS WHICH NEED ADJUSTMENT, REORIENTATION, ETC. RESULT OF REVIEW WILL BE IDENTIFICATION AREAS CALLING FOR SPECIAL ACTION, FOR THESE AREAS - WHICH WOULD BE IDENTIFIED BY COUNCIL- SECRETARIAT WOULD PREPARE PROGRAM PROPOSALS. IN SOME CASES PROGRAM PROPOSALS MIGHT CONSIST OF RECOMMENDATION TO OTHER AGENCIES FOR SHIFT OF EMPHASIS IN EXISTING PROGRAM, ETC. WITHOUT RESORT TO RESOURCES UNEP FUND. IN OTHER CASES MIGHT LEAD TO RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNDING IN SHOLE OR PART FROM FUND. PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTION SUCH PROGRAM PROPOSALS WOULD INVOLVE CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL AGENCIES OR INSTITUTIONS AFFECTED OR INVOLVED IN ACTIVITY AND MIGHT ENTAIL CONSIDERATION BY UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPERT PANELS ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUPS, SUCH AS IWG NOW BEING PROPOSED HELP DEVELOP FIRST PHASE OF EARTHWATCH POLLUTANT MONITORING PROGRAMS. THESE PROPOSALS WOULD CONTAIN BASIC STRATEGY, IDENTIFY SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS, COOPERATION EXPECTED WITHIN UN FAMILY, GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS, ETC. THESE PROGRAM

PROPOSALS WOULD GO TO COUNCIL FOR ACTION AND,
WHERE FUND RESOURCES INVOLVED, ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES.

C. ALL OF FOREGOING PROCESS WOULD LEAD FINALLY TO
COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO EXDIR TO IMPLEMENT THE APPROVED
PROGRAM WITHIN SUCH GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS AS COUN-
CIL MIGHT DEREREMINE FOR EACH PROGRAM. THIS IS THE
PROJECT LEVEL WHICH, UNDER DRAFT GENERAL PROCEDURES,
WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY EXDIR.

4. COMMENT: CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS HAVE REVEALED
RESERVOIR OF UNEASINESS ON PART MANY DELEGATIONS OVER
WHAT BELIEVED BE UNDUE CONCENTRATION OF AUTHORITY INM
DIRECTOR- GENERAL TO DETRIMENT ROLE OF COUNCIL.
LATINS REPORTED PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE ON THIS ISSUE, BUT
THEIR CONCERN SHARED IN GREATER OR LESSER DEGREE BY UK,
FRANCE, FRG, INDIA AND OTHERS. GENERAL DEBATE ON
ITEMS 6 AND 8 HAVE ALREADY REVEALED SEVERAL SUG-
GESTIONS THAT COUNCIL ESTABLISH ESPERT BODY OF ONE
SORT OR ANOTHER TO ASSIST IT IN ITS WORK AND , PRESUMABLY,
AS REVIEW BODY OF EXDIR' S PROPOSALS PRIOR COUNCIL CON-
SIDERATION. DIFFICULTY STEMS AT LEAST IN PART FROM
DOCUMENTATION PREPARED FOR THIS ITEM WHERE DISTICTION
BETWEEN PROGRAM FOR UTILIZATION OF FUND RESOURCES ON
ONE HAND AND PROJECTS ON THE OTHER IS NOT WELL DIFINED.
PART D OF GC/8, FOR EXAPLE, SPEAKS OF PROJECTS WHEN IN
FACT WHAT IS MEANT ARE PROGRAMS. STRONG' S STATEMENT TO
COMMITTEE SHOULD HAVE HELPED DISPEL SOME OF UNEASINESS,
BUT HIS RESPONSE TO INDIAN QUESTION AS TO WHY PROJECTS
SHOULDN' T BE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL WAS OVERLY ELABORATED
AND ONLY SERVED KEEP ISSUE ALIVE. COMMITTEE- AND
SECRETARIAT - HAS ITS WORK CUT OUT WITH LITTLE TIME
LEFT TO DO IT. BASSIN

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